

CHRISTMAS MAIL RULES GIVEN FOR OVERSEAS GIFTS

Mailing dates and size dimensions for Christmas packages to be sent to men of the armed forces stationed overseas were announced today by Frank DeSouza, Medford postmaster. Packages are to be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, and DeSouza emphasizes that Yule parcels cannot be accepted at the postoffice before that period, however, he urges people to send them as early in the period as possible to insure prompt delivery.

Due to the urgent need to save shipping space, Christmas packages must not exceed the present size limits of five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined, the postmaster reports. Only one package may be sent in any one week from the same person to the same addressee.

Christmas greeting cards should be sealed and prepaid at the first class mailing rate, post office bulletins state.

Workers Sought For Naval Bases On Pacific Coast

Miss Josephine Bartholomew, representative from the United States civil service commission, will be at the Medford United States employment service from Friday, August 11, through Monday, August 14, to hire skilled workers, helpers and laborers for all major west coast naval establishments, which includes Hunters Point Naval Drydocks, Mare Island Navy Yard, Alameda Air Station in northern California, and Terminal Island Drydocks in southern California.

Miss Bartholomew also has complete information on job openings at other naval installations along the Pacific coast, including the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.

Travel expenses, including Pullman and meals en route to any one of the naval establishments, will be paid by the government. Housing units and dormitory rooms will be reserved in advance for each new recruit. Only applicants not now engaged in essential war work will be considered. Hiring of workers will be in accordance with United States civil service and War Manpower Commission regulations.

Inquiries previous to August 11 may be made to Eugene Liljenquist, civil service representative, 309 Postoffice building, Medford.

DOLLARS FOR SAILORS GO IN MAGNESIUM BOX

Carson City, Nev., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—A box of polished, lightweight magnesium, produced in Nevada's sprawling Basic Magnesium, Inc. plant at Las Vegas, will carry the 2000 silver dollars which Nevadans are donating to each member of the crew of the battleship Nevada will have one of this state's famed coins, Gov. E. P. Carville announced today.

Ed Parsons, of the state highway department, designed the box in which the dollars will be shipped to the battleship.

SIX KNOWN DEAD IN CLIPPER FALL

Miami, Fla., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The known death toll in the crash of a four-motored Pan American Airways Clipper in a take off from Nipe Bay, Cuba, yesterday, stood at six today, with 11 others missing and believed dead from the 31 persons who were aboard.

The crew of five and nine passengers were rescued before the big ship went down after being turned over by a high wave. The Clipper, which was en route from San Juan, P. R., to Miami, was lifted from the bay early today and rescue parties searched the cabin for the bodies of the missing. Six bodies already had been recovered.

Airways officials at San Juan said all but two of the passengers who boarded the plane there were residents of Puerto Rico. The two were Cassey Henry, Richmond, Va., reported missing, and Gladys Vazquez, New York City, who was among those rescued.

Zionists Attempt To Kill Sir Harold

Jerusalem, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Sir Harold MacMichael, British high commissioner to Palestine, was slightly injured today when an abortive attempt was made to assassinate him while traveling along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road.

The attempted assassination was believed to have been made by Zionist extremists, police said.

Sir Harold's private secretary also was slightly hurt but Lady MacMichael, who was in the car, escaped injury.

U. P. WRITER LEAVING
Eugene, Ore., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—United Press War Correspondent George E. Jones spent a final day with his parents here today before leaving for Honolulu where he will await further assignments in the south Pacific area. Jones has been in the states since March, and had planned to return to Hawaii sooner, but two attacks of malaria delayed his return.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Thursday.
Oregon: Clear in southwest portion and partly cloudy elsewhere, tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 86; lowest, 54.
Total monthly precipitation, 11 inch. Excess for the month, 09 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 16.04 inches. Deficiency for the season, .87 inch.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 31%; 4:30 a. m. today, 62%.

Sunrise 6:13 a. m., sunset 8:19 p. m.			
Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.			
Boise	83	51	—
Boston	60	60	—
Chicago	86	62	—
Denver	96	64	—
Eureka	62	55	—
Havre	83	55	—
Los Angeles	83	54	—
Medford	81	52	—
New York	81	60	—
Omaha	92	70	—
Phoenix	91	77	—
Portland	76	55	—
Reno	85	41	—
Roseburg	80	53	—
Salt Lake	94	72	—
San Francisco	72	54	—
Seattle	75	56	—
Spokane	77	54	—
Washington, D. C.	83	63	—
Yakima	73	56	—

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AMERICAN BOMBS FALL ON CANUCKS IN CAEN SECTOR

London, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Canadian army headquarters in France reported today that some bombs dropped by American Flying Fortresses and Liberators during the aerial bombardment of German defenses below Caen yesterday "went amiss and accidentally" killed a few Canadians and wounded others, including a high Canadian staff officer.

The accident did not affect the success of the attack, a Canadian spokesman said.

A U. S. strategic air force announcement acknowledged that some of the 600 heavy bombers dropped their explosives by accident or error among Canadian forces.

"Crews said they flew through flak for 10 or 15 minutes and that it was as bad as any encountered over Berlin," the announcement said. "Ten of the 15 bombers lost were in this area. A few of the stricken bombers, including the lead plane which controlled the bombing of one formation, dropped their bombs among our own troops and caused some casualties."

American Flying Fortresses and medium bombers also dropped some bombs short of the target area west of St. Lo in the aerial bombardment preceding the American breakthrough late last month. Among the victims at that time was Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former commander in chief of the U. S. army ground forces.

Shanghai Bombed By Yankee B-24's

Chungking, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The Central Chinese News Agency reported Tuesday that American B-24 bombers attacked Shanghai at noon, causing great devastation in the harbor area. Shipping in the Whampoa river also was severely bombed. The dispatch described the harbor and the river shipping as being "disastrously hit."

Earlier Tuesday the Japanese Domei News Agency had reported that a single B-24 had bombed Shanghai but claimed that only "very slight damage" was caused.

FORMOSANS ORDERED TO LABOR FOR JAPS

Chungking, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—The Japanese governor general of Formosa has ordered participation by every man and woman on the island in either shore and air defense or war industry work, an enemy broadcast heard in Chungking revealed. Every male subject, the broadcast said, must assist in defense of the island and all women will be required to work in factories. The orders also indicated all material resources of the island will be requisitioned for its defense.

JAPS OPEN TUNNEL

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—A second undersea tunnel between the Japanese industrial cities of Shimonoseki on Honshu island and Moji on Kyushu island was opened for traffic today, Tokyo radio announced.

BAJA CROPS LOST

Mexico City, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—At least 40 per cent of the last



Germans burn houses, farms and other installations along East Prussian frontier in first application of scorched earth policy to their "holy" soil as Red Armies drive on Tilsit and Königsberg. Elsewhere the Red Armies forge ahead, with flanking maneuvers north and south of Warsaw and capture of rich oilfields of Boryslav at entrance to Czechoslovakia.

crops in the Imperial valley of the northern territory of Baja California, Mexico, were lost because of a water shortage. Deputy Garza Senade, who has just returned from that region, said today.

BOUILLON PUZZLES

Boston (U.P.)—A customer who ordered a bouillon cube in a downtown luncheon room was baffled when the waitress served it on a plate accompanied by a knife and fork.

MERRILL GIVEN EASIER POST IN ASIATIC THEATER

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell announced today that Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, who led "Merrill's Marauders" on a 700-mile jungle trek through northern Burma that paved the way for the capture of Myitkyina, has been transferred to the China-Burma-India liaison group at southeast Asia headquarters because of his health.

"I considered it unfair toward a valuable officer to ask a further effort which might make a lasting effect on his health and therefore transferred him to less arduous but equally important duty," Stilwell said.

Brig. Gen. Theodore Wesels was appointed as commander of the Marauders, a volunteer group, in succeeding Merrill.

Stilwell's announcement came four days after army authorities disclosed an almost complete breakdown in the morale of Merrill's Marauders after the long, arduous march through the northern India mountains culminating in the seizure of the Myitkyina airfield.

Several hundred convalescent soldiers from the Marauder group were sent back to the fighting line late in May, through a misunderstanding of

Stilwell's orders, when the American positions at Myitkyina became precarious.

Portland Expects Biddle Will Visit Despite Walkout

Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—United States Attorney Carl Donagh said today that despite the Philadelphia strike, Attorney General Francis Biddle and his assistant, James P. McGranery, will be here Saturday to speak before the Chamber of Commerce and the Multnomah County Bar association.

Biddle is scheduled to go to San Francisco after he leaves here as he makes his first official visit to the west coast to inspect prisons and review work of United States attorneys and their deputies.

Ghouls Committed To State Asylum

Redwood City, Cal., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—Walter J. Perry, 32, and Cole M. Madison, 18, today were ordered committed to the Ukiah State Hospital for the Criminally Insane by Superior Judge Andrew Schottky, on charges of disinterring the body of 21-year-old Lois Sisuentes in a local cemetery April 8.

Perry, a grave digger, and Madison, who was discharged from the navy, both pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

WEATHER

Northern California: Clear today, tonight and Thursday except fog on coast night and morning; little change in temperature.

\$15,000 REWARD IS OFFERED FOR HAMMER SLAYER

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 9.—(U.P.)—While the city of Fort Wayne posted a \$15,000 reward for the hammer-slayer of Phyllis Conline, 17, and two other women slain under similar circumstances within six months, police today sought a fourth woman who disappeared Sunday.

Mrs. Lois Gresham, 21, wife of a serviceman and the mother of two children, has not been seen since she went swimming Sunday.

Authorities feared she might be the victim of the killer who beat Miss Conline, a high school senior, to death in a weed patch Friday.

A blood-stained trench coat found near the scene remained the only clue to the murderer. Police have deduced from the coat that the killer was left-handed, five feet, seven, to five feet, ten inches tall and weighed 140 to 175 pounds.

The reward is \$5,000 each for the killer or killers of Miss Conline, Wilhelma Haaga, 37, who was beaten to death last February, and Ann Kueff, 18-year-old war worker, who was strangled and raped last May.

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